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1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A caulking joint concealing device in combination with a caulking joint for concealing a~~the~~ caulking joint between adjacent first and second surfaces, the device comprising:

~~a caulking joint formed between the first and the second surfaces;~~

an flexible elongated central strip having first and second opposite longitudinal edges and ~~the strip having~~ first and second sides;

a first flexible flap longitudinally connected to the elongated central strip along the first edge, the first flap having a first side adherable~~adapted to be adhered to a~~ the first of the adjacent surfaces such that the first flap conforms to the first of the adjacent surfaces in a watertight manner;

a second flexible flap longitudinally connected to the elongated central strip along the second edge, the second flap having a first side adherable~~adapted to be adhered to a~~ the second of the adjacent surfaces such that the second flap conforms to the second of the adjacent surfaces in a watertight manner; and

the central strip covering and concealing the caulking joint with the first side of the central strip facing the caulking joint when the first flap is adhered to the first surface and the second flap is adhered to the second surface, ~~whereby the caulking joint is concealed by the device.~~

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A device~~ The combination according to claim 1, wherein an exterior longitudinal edge of each of the first and second flaps is tapered.

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3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A device~~ The combination according to claim 1, wherein longitudinal connection of the first and second flaps to the first and second edges of the central strip are flexible hinges, the first and second flaps being pivotable about a respective one of the hinges from a flat configuration where the first and second flaps are aligned to an installation configuration where the first and second flaps are substantially perpendicular.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The combination ~~A device~~ according to claim 1, wherein the first and second flaps are integrally formed with the central strip and have a lesser degree of flexibility than the central strip.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The combination ~~A device~~ according to claim 1, wherein the first and second flaps are integrally formed with the central strip and have a greater degree of flexibility than the central strip.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The combination ~~A device~~ according to claim 1, wherein the central strip is transversally convex with respect to the second side of the central strip such that the first side forms a concavity to enclose the caulking joint.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The combination ~~A device~~ according to claim 1, wherein the first side of each of the first and second flaps is covered with an adhesive.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The combination ~~A device~~ according to claim 7, wherein the adhesive is in the form of at least an adhesive strip.

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9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The combination A—device—according to claim 7, wherein an exposed part of the adhesive is protected by a removable backing strip.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The combination A—device—according to claim 7, wherein the adhesive is in the form of two independent adhesive strips, a first of the adhesive strips being pre-applied on the first side of the first flap and a second of the adhesive strips being pre-applied on the first side of the second flap.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The combination A—device—according to claim 1, wherein the central strip has no contact with the caulking joint.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The combination A—device—according to claim 1, wherein the central strip is flexible enough to conform to the caulking joint.

13.-16. (CANCELED)

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A kit for concealing a pair of intersecting joints between adjacent surfaces, comprising:

a device having an elongated body ~~adapted to have~~ having parts of a first side thereof the body connected connectable in a watertight manner to adjacent surfaces defining a joint therebetween in a watertight manner such that a central strip of the body encloses the joint, the device being adapted to be transversally cut in cuttable to form at least first and second segments in order to enclose at least first and second intersecting conform with lengths of joints; and

a cutting template having at least one guide edge defining at least one desired shape for a first end of

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the first segment and a second end of the second segment,  
the first and second ends being cuttable following the at  
least one guiding edge to obtain the at least one desired  
shape, the first and second ends cut to the at least one  
desired shape being connectable to each other guiding the  
cutting of ends of a pair of segments of the device in order  
to obtain complementary ends between the pair of segments  
meeting at a pair of intersecting joints so as to conceal an  
intersection between the first and second the pair of  
intersecting joints.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A kit according to claim 17, wherein  
said the first and second joints are ~~is~~ covered by caulking  
such that the caulking is enclosed by the device.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A kit according to claim 17, wherein at  
least the parts of the first ~~back~~ side comprises an adhesive  
strip.